

**Australian Waveski Association
Annual General Meeting**

Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2002

Opening :

The annual general meeting of the Australian Waveski Association was opened at 7.35pm on March 13, 2002 in Cowes, Phillip Island.

Present:

Mark Spencer, Albert Golledge, Darren Kearns, Larry Adams, Paul O'Donnell, Nick Boon, Adam Gavinlock, Neil Decker, Jackie Dillon, John Trebilco, Mark Payne, Terry Oehm, Brett Cronin, Paul Norman, Jason Drescher, Travis Best, Greg Dell, Craig Fouracre, Graham Roberts, Melissa Hardy

A. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted by Larry Adams and seconded by Graham Roberts.

B. Open Issues

Re-Election

Darren Kearnes - Returning Officer

Nomination for President - Jackie Dillon not renominating, Mark Spencer nominated

Nomination vice president - Nick Boon not renominating, no nominations

Nomination for Contest Director - Neil Decker not renominating, no nominations

Nomination for Secretary and Treasurer - Albert Golledge renominating seconded by Paul O'Donnell.

Nomination for Chief Judge - Travis Best renominating, seconded by John Bilco

Nomination for Media - Steve Farthing renominating, seconded by Larry Adams

Nomination for president for Mark Spencer seconded by Larry Adams - Mark Spencer duly elected as president.

The function of the Vice President role is to support the President and can also have another portfolio. It is not essential to have a Vice President. There were no nominations for this role. It is possible to vote someone in after the meeting, if someone is keen to take on the role.

The function of the Contest director is to oversee and ensure the Australian titles are organised properly and provide guidance. It was suggested that the president could be contest director as well. It was decided to leave the role of contest director vacant for this

year unless the state holding the next Australian titles decides to select someone for this role.

C. New Business

Australian Titles 2003

Australian Titles 2003 are to be held in NSW, will be organised by the Wollongong and Northern Beaches clubs. The date and location needs to be organised 6 months ahead.

Australian Titles 2004

There was some discussion regarding SA & TAS having an option prior to making a decision, however neither states were represented at the meeting. It was decided that they will be held in WA with the aim of holding the event in May 2004.

Rules

Clarification was sought from Paul O'Donnell regarding the rules the Australian Association runs under. Neil Decker has set the rules that we're working under for the World Titles. There has been previous agreement about using a judging system and to amend the rules for judges to have open discussion regarding setting benchmarks.

In the absence of electronic judging it was decided last year that talking would be allowed. Information put in the booklet for this Australian titles conflicts with what was decided last year and needs to revert back to the motion decided on last year, and the information in the rule book is inaccurate. Rules need to be updated in accordance with decisions made.

Motion put forward by Paul O'Donnell to change the Australian Titles rules to reflect open discussion regard benchmarks.

ACTION: Committee to look at the minutes and email them around and vote or use them if they have or have not already been put into place and ensure that they are put into place.

World contest rules are exactly the same and can be accessed on the internet.

ACTION: Jackie Dillon to email a copy to Larry Adams and anyone else who wants a copy and Albert Golledge will put it onto the site

Vision for AWA

Neil Decker requested discussion from the newly elected president on the vision and direction for the sport. Mark discussed how he wants to speak to people to ascertain what is wanted. Would like everyone to get excited about their sport and see the same growth with the sport as being seen overseas. Would also like to build on the social side of the sport.

World titles

Neil provided an overview on the status of the World titles plans. They have received agreement for sponsorship from Hotels, commitment from major radio station and 2 TV stations, links with Channel 10 nationally through sports tonight, have employed a spokesperson from the surfing association (media and marketing agent) who will be looking after all sponsorship proposals.

Entry fee is \$200 and the budget for the competition is around 42K. Judges will cost \$15K. They have Gold Coast city council backing and permission to go on any beach in the city - could be switched to Burleigh. A question regarding clear water was raised – it is not possible to have clear water in Queensland. The Spit will have clear water, Currumbin reasonably clear water, none at Kirra and it may be clear at Burleigh if we get support from the Burleigh boardriders club. SLSA will move the flags.

No catering allowed on the beach unless a license is purchased. They have organised a paid lifesaver with a jetski. The web page is ready and on the site where you can enter. There is a new division, World Waveski Airshow where there can be up to 40 entries with 8-10 minute heats and a round robin, all entry money for this event becomes prize money. Entry into the airshow is only permitted after entering the competition. There will also be a team challenge. The competition will be a 9 day event to cope with the numbers. The AGM will be at the pub and the pub will be the central point for all night activities,

They are also going to buy 5 waveskis which will be given as prizes in competitions on the radio station to get people along and will give a ski away each day.

Gold Coast Waveski club is looking after the competition, all advertising and promotion etc needs to be approved by the Gold Coast club, nothing is to be said unless it goes through Neil Decker. Insurance is expensive, so everyone needs to abide by these guidelines.

Tag team event - 6 person event, never been an issue in the past to have 6 competitors, but perhaps this year it may be a problem. 1 team per nation, 6 riders 2 reserves, 6 top place getters from Nationals if they are there. Teams event is not an essential element of world titles. A issue was raised at the previous World titles, the executive agreed that the tag team would be run and the contestants will need to pay for it. Gold Coast Club has funds to cover the team event. It will be up to the contest organiser on how the team event is run and how it is funded etc.

Tag Team Selection

Paul O'Donnell raised that rules should be set on how the Tag team for Australia is selected and it was suggested that the team will be selected only from finalists from 2002 Australian titles.

Movement to ensure that the Australian tag team is based on the highest Australian riders from the 2002 Australian Titles. Larry Adams seconded the motion, all for and no-one against - motion carried.

General Meetings

Brett Cronin raised the suggestion of holding a general meeting for the Australian Waveski Association at the World titles, within the states and outside the major competitions, would be a useful information sharing session and provide rationale for decisions made at the major meetings. The meeting at the World titles could cover any ongoing issues for the Australian waveski Association and announce where the next Australian titles will be held.

Australian Shirts for World Titles

Jackie Dillon raised the point of professionalism of the sport to the general public. The Australian uniform for Australian team would be 34 selected from Australian titles, 20-30 other competitors and would cost approximately \$1400. Jackie suggested that anyone who doesn't receive a shirt and chooses to represent Australia should purchase a shirt. There was a suggestion to sponsor uniforms in the future and could also put the shirts on the website for sale for those people who did not attend the Australian titles. The shirts foster team spirit and camaraderie amongst the competitors at the World titles. Shirts are given out to all place getters, and tracksuit for the winner of the open. As the website costs around \$700 a year to run, we will need to get sponsorship for team uniforms in the future to continue the tradition and cover costs for both the shirts and website.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 8.45pm.

Minutes submitted by: Melissa Hardy

Approved by: Type name here